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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, from December 20, 2002, to on or before March 20, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$930.00 is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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